

by the players, and its height can vary between ten centimeters and two meters, preferably between fifty and one hundred and twenty centimeters.

The surface can rest on a frame of wood, metal or plastic, of the appropriate dimensions to hold it firmly, but can also be in direct contact with the ground. The ground can have been conveniently dug to allow the surface to rest firmly on it, but can also be left flat and the surface can roll when the players move on it. When the ground is dug in the appropriate way, the surface can be covered by any other materials such as concrete or tar, or tiles, or parallelepipeds of wood or plastic, or any other kind or material in whatever shape, to achieve a surface where objects can bounce and players can move. When the surface can roll, it can also be designed in such a way that the two halves on both sides of the net are not solidarious, and can thus freely roll according to the desire of the players on each half, or according to the position they occupy while playing.

#### **Advantages of the invention.**

When compared to the recreational activities or competitive games consisting in sending and returning a ball over a net to and from players placed on opposite sides, the invention provides a multitude of advantages.

In the case of a curved surface mounted on a frame, the invention offers the advantage of allowing an activity easily accessible to children or to adults not acquainted with quick moving objects, because the curved surface helps the players to maintain the direction of the ball or of the bouncing object within a narrower angle. This allows inexperienced, or physically unfit, players to reach easily for the ball or the object, thus enjoying the game without the frustration of the interruptions which are the consequence of a too frequent missing the ball. On the other hand, experienced players will enjoy the game because the curvature of the surface will make it difficult to predict or guess the direction of the ball or of the object after the rebounding, when the ball is sent by an experienced player towards the edges of the curved surface. This adds a thrill and renewed difficulty at every stage of progress in the skills of the game. Last but not least, the possibility to practice the game on a surface floating in water offers unprecedented reasons for fun and sport.

In the case of a curved surface on the top of which the players stand and move, the advantages are paramount for the experienced players, who will find it more challenging to predict or to guess the trajectory of the ball after rebounding. When the surface can roll, and even more so when the two halves of the surface can roll independently from one another, the skill of the players will be not only to reach the returning ball and guess its direction, but also to influence its direction by appropriately positioning themselves on the surface so as to modify the angle of impact of the arriving ball with the moving surface. This too adds a thrill and renewed difficulty at every stage of progress in the skills of the game.

#### **Claims.**

It is claimed the following:

- 1 A new set of tools for practising indoor or outdoors ball games
- 2 The new set of tools in claim 1, consisting of a curved surface and a net
- 3 The curved surface in claim 2 consisting of a thin and curved object, the dimension of which can vary according to the type of the game

- 4 The curved surface in claim 3 being mounted on legs or on floating devices.
- 5 The curved surface in claim 4 being divided in two parts by a net
- 6 The net in claim 5 consisting of a woven or unwoven, flexible or rigid separation of the surface in two parts
- 7 The curved surface in claim 3 being dug in the ground or carved to rest on the ground
- 8 The curved surface in claim 7 being divide in two parts by a net
- 9 The net in claim 8 consisting of a woven or unwoven, flexible or rigid separation of the surface in two parts
- 10 The two curved surfaces of claim 9 being free to solidarily or independently roll.

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